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H PASS CONGRESSMAN CHARLES A. VANIK

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SUB: CONGRESSIONAL QUERY ON IRAN'S INTERNATIONAL PUPPET FESTIVAL

REF: LTR 6/28 CONGRESSMAN CHARLES A. VANIK TO AMBASSADOR HELMS

1. CONGRESSMAN CHARLES A. VANIK WROTE AMBASSADOR HELMS ASKING FOR INFORMATION ON IRAN'S INTERNATIONAL PUPPET FESTIVAL (JUNE 20 TO AUG 20, 1976). A CONSTITUENT OF HIS, MR. GEORGE LATSHAW, A PUPPETEER, HAS BEEN INVITED BY THE FESTIVAL TO PARTICIPATE. REQUEST DEPARTMENT CONTACT CONGRESSMAN VANIK AND PASS FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

2. INTERNATIONAL PUPPET FESTIVAL IS UNDER SPONSORSHIP HIGHLY REGARDED IRANIAN CENTER FOR THE INTELLECTUAL DEVELOPMENT OF CHILDREN AND YOUNG ADULTS WHICH INVOLVED EXTENSIVE ACTIVITIES FOR IRANIAN CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE AND UNDER AEGIS OF EMPRESS. CENTER EACH SUMMER SPONSORS FESTIVAL FOR CHILDREN WHICH USUALLY INVOLVES MANY AREAS OF PERFORMING ARTS. LAST YEAR U.S. GROUP PAPER BAG PLAYERS PARTICIPATED WITH VERY POSITIVE REVIEWS. THIS YEAR FESTIVAL DEVOTED EXCLUSIVELY TO PUPPETS. PARTICIPATION INTERNATIONAL WITH GROUPS FROM SUCH COUNTRIES AS CANADA, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, FRANCE, AND POLAND. FESTIVAL HAS BEGUN AND RUNS THROUGH AUGUST 20.

3. FESTIVAL SPONSORS KEEN HAVE PARTICIPATION LATSHAW TROUPE AUGUST 8-13. WHILE CENTER POLICY IS TO PAY ONLY INTERNAL COSTS

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AND PROFESSIONAL EXPENSES, THEY INDICATED WILLINGNESS ASSIST IN

SOME WAY WITH TRAVEL FOR LATSHAW, BUT COULD NOT PAY FULL COSTS.  
MUST HAVE ANSWER FROM GROUP ASAP.  
HELMS

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